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McManus legislation would give landowners more options for keeping trespassers out

LANSING – Landowners would have another way to post their property “no trespassing” under legislation introduced Wednesday by state Sen. Michelle McManus.

Senate Bill 499 would allow a landowner to designate their property “no trespassing” either by posting conventional signs or by placing identifying purple paint marks on trees or posts around the perimeter of their property. Landowners would have to adhere to specific guidelines regarding the size and placement of the paint marks.

“Using paint marks solves two potential problems for landowners who do not want trespassers on their property,” McManus said. “It creates a more permanent mark that cannot be easily stolen, and it is less intrusive on the landscape than many large neon-lettered ‘no trespassing’ signs.”

Purple paint was chosen because it would not conflict with other paint colors used in the timber industry.

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